

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the remarks which follow.

Please cancel claims 12, 15, and 21.

Please amend claims 11, 13, 14, and 17-20 as indicated. Claims 11, 13, 14, and 17-20 have been amended to respond to the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph. No new matter is introduced by the amendments.

After entering this Amendment, claims 11, 13, 14, and 17-20 are pending in the application.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 112, First Paragraph "Written Description"

In the Office Action dated February 4, 2004, the Examiner stated that "Claims 11, 13, 14 and 17-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement." In particular, the Examiner stated that "[t]he specification does not teach any other animals in which the claimed method might be used[, and] [f]urthermore, the specification does not appear to suggest in any way that the claimed methods were ever contemplated as working in any other animal besides mice." Applicants have amended claims 11, 13, 14, and 17-20 to recite "mice." Applicants have cancelled claim 21. As such, Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 112, First Paragraph "Enablement"

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that "Claims 11, 13, 14, and 17-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for methods of identifying compounds with anti-anxiety activity or memory restoring activity in mice, does not reasonably provide enablement for methods of identifying compounds with anti-anxiety or that improve deficiency in long term memory storage in any other animal." Applicants have amended claims 11, 13, 14, and 17-20 to recite "mice." Applicants have cancelled claim 21. As such, Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 12 and 15 "would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims." As noted above, the pending claims have been amended to recite the limitation of claims 12 and 15 (*i.e.*, "mice").

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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